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SUBJECT:JULY 29 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. CHINA

LI HSIEN-NIEN, DURING 7/27 INTERVIEW WITH "JAPAN YOUTH
FEDERATION" DEL., QUOTED SAYING PRC WILL BE PREPARED FACE
GLOBAL WAR BECAUSE BOTH US/SOVIET MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR
THIRD WORLD WAR; SAID PEKING'S FOREMOST TASK WAS TAKE CARE
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OF "NORTHERN BEAR" WHICH "TRYING TO PROVOKE WAR" IN MANY
PARTS OF WORLD. ACCORDING KYODO, LI EMPHASIZED PRC WILL
CONTINUE DEVELOPING NUKE WEAPONS IF US/SOVIET DO NOT CEASE
DEVELOPING THEIRS; ADDED THAT CHINESE DO NOT HAVE "MUCH
MONEY LEFT FOR OTHER THINGS" BECAUSE OF HEAVY COST OF
PREPAREDNESS FOR POSSIBLE WAR (AP TOKYO 7/27).

CNA QUOTES CCK TELLING EXECUTIVE YUAN THURS THAT US/PRC

NORMALIZATION RELS WOULD DESTROY "UNEASY PEACE OF ASIA,"
AND US WOULD HAVE PAY HEAVY PRICE TO RESTORE ITS INTERESTS/
POSITION AS GREAT POWER IN ASIAN/PACIFIC REGIONS (REUTER
TAIPEI).

FOUR RIVERS SWOLLEN BY CONTINUOUS RAINS FROM TYPHOON
THELMA BURST OVER EMBANKMENTS IN S TAIWAN THURS, FLOODING
BUILDINGS/FARMLAND, DRIVING MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE TO
ROOFTOPS; POLICE SAID AT LEAST 4 DROWNED IN AREA'S WORST
FLOOD IN MORE THAN 3 DECADES.

2. JAPAN

US CUSTOMS COURT 7/28 OVERTURNED LOWER COURT RULING THAT
WOULD HAVE REQUIRED DOT IMPOSE SPECIAL DUTIES ON JAPANESE
TV IMPORTS. COURT HELD JAPAN ACTING UNDER INTL TRADING
RULES BY EMPLOYING VALUE-ADDED TAX. TRADE REP STRAUSS
"VERY PLEASED" BY ACTION; ZENITH PLANS FILE APPEAL
W/SUPREME COURT (FARNSWORTH, NYT/SUN; WSJ; ROWE, WP;
AP, PHINQ).

JAPAN'S JUNE COLOR TV EXPORTS TO US DOWN 22 PCT FROM
MAY; 37 PCT FROM YR AGO (WSJ).

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GOJ OFFICIAL TRADE CONF PREDICTS JAPAN'S FY77 TRADE
SURPLUS WILL REACH RECORD HIGH 12.1 BIL DOLS/WARNS
GOJ MUST EXPAND IMPORTS, PROMOTE ECON AID FOR LDCS
(CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

DURING TOKYO MTG W/FONMIN HATOYAMA 7/29, SOV FISHERIES
MIN ISHKOV STRESSED NEED FOR JAPAN/USSR CONCLUDE LONG-
TERM FISHERIES AGREEMENT/ADDED THAT JAPAN-USSR TALKS
NOW UNDERWAY IN TOKYO WOULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR SUCH
PACT (REUTER TOKYO).

IN TOKYO, NYT'S MALCOLM DOES ITEM ON US-JAPAN TRADE
TENSION. CITES SHARP TRADE IMBALANCE/MANSFIELD'S RECENT
"LECTURE" ON MATTER BEFORE JAPAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE.
UNLESS GOJ TAKES QUICK/EFFICIENT MEASURES, SOME PREDICT
MOST SERIOUS THREAT TO US-JAPAN ECON HARMONY SINCE BITTER
TEXTILE EXPORT DISPUTE 8 YRS AGO.

3. JAPAN/ASEAN

JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS REPORT FUKUDA WILL OFFER TOKYO AS
SITE FOR ASEAN TRADE CENTER DURING KL VISIT NEXT MONTH;

GOJ OFFICIALS HAVE REFUSED COMMENT. PM LEAVES NEXT WK TO VISIT ASEAN COUNTRIES. GOVT SOURCES SAID THIS WK PM PLANNED ANNOUNCE "FUKUDA DOCTRINE" TOWARDS SEA DURING TOUR, WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE BURMA (REUTER TOKYO).

4. ASEAN

ASEAN PRIME MINISTERS WILL MEET IN KL NEXT WEEK, W/AIM OF ACHIEVING CLOSER ECON COOPERATION/SECURITY TIES EXPECTED HILITE MTG. SINCE SEATO'S DEMISE MONTH AGO, MTG ALSO EXPECTED RESULT IN WHISPERINGS OF MORE BILAT MIL EXERCISES. FOLLOWING 2-DAY MTG, FUKUDA WILL CONFER SEPARATELY W/EACH ASEAN LEADER (LORENZ, JOC BETONG).

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5. JAPAN/KOREA

IN REPORT ISSUED 7/29, JAPANESE DEF AGENCY SAID IT HAD NO PLANS EXPAND ARMED FORCES SIGNIFICANTLY, BUT WILL KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON DEVELOPMENTS IN KOREAN PENINSULA/SOV MIL ACTIVITY IN PAC OCEAN. URGED JAPAN PAY ATTENTION TO POL/PSYCH EFFECTS US W/DRAWAL MAY HAVE ON NK (REUTER'S KOJIMA, TOKYO).

6. KOREA

AT THURS NEWS CONFERENCE, ATTY GEN BELL SAID US PRESSING ROKG FOR RETURN TONGSUN PARK TO US. ADDED THAT CARTER INTERESTED IN CLEARING CASE UP; INTIMATED PRES INVOLVED IN "HIGHEST DIPLOMATIC LEVELS" NEGOTS (GOSHKO, WP). NEITHER BELL/DOS SPOKESMAN WOULD SAY PRECISELY WHAT PRES HAS DONE. OTHER SOURCES SUGGEST EFFORTS MADE BY MEMBER SECDEF BROWN'S PARTY (CLYMER, NYT).

CHRMN STEVENSON (D-ILL) OF SENATE ETHICS CMTE SAYS US INTELL REPORTS DETAIL SYSTEMATIC EFFORT BY SK TO WIN INFLUENCE IN CONGRESS FAR BACK AS LATE 1960S (LAT, WP). BITTERNESS GROWS IN CONGRESS VS PRESS, MAINLY DUE KOREAN STORIES (WSJ).

7. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

POLICE REPORT LARGE KR FORCE CROSSED BORDER/CLASHED W/THAI POLICE/MIL FORCES THURS BEFORE PULLING BACK INTO CAMBODIA (REUTER BANGKOK).

8. AUSTRALIA

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FONMIN PEACOCK ANNOUNCED FRI HE HAS WRITTEN 105 AUSTRALIAN SPORTING BODIES URGING THEM COOPERATE W/DECISION BY COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVT LAST MONTH TO SHUN ALL SPORTING CONTACTS W/S AFR, ANY OTHER COUNTRY PRACTICING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (REUTER CANBERRA).

CSM REPORTS FRASER SEEKING FOSTER NEW RELATIONSHIP BETW GOA/STATES. SAYS POWER TO SPEND MONEY SHOULD GO BACK CLOSER TO PEOPLE "WHERE LOCAL KNOWLEDGE AND TALENTS CAN PERFORM SO MUCH BETTER."

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. THAILAND

ANDERSON/WHITTEN SAY THEIR MAY 9 COLUMN APPARENTLY DROVE TOP DRUG TRAFFICKER CHANG KAI-CHENG INTO HIDING. STATE REP WOLFF (D-NY) OF HOUSE NARC CMTE HAS RECD INFO THAT THAI POLICE FOUND 348 LBS HEROIN/MORPHINE/OPIUM IN CHANG'S HOUSE.

10. PHILIPPINES

UNITED FARM WORKERS' CHAVEZ SAYS IMPRESSED BY WHAT SAW OF MARTIAL LAW IN PHILS. QUOTES LOCAL UNION LEADERS THAT CONDITIONS BETTER UNDER MARTIAL LAW THAN BEFORE. VISIT CRITICIZED BY ANTIGOVT LEADERS (WIDEMAN, WP).

CHEYFITZ (PHINQ) REVIEWS CASE 2 FIL NURSES POISONING 5 PATIENTS. SAYS IS NEW FEAR AMONG V A HOSPITAL NURSES THAT CAN BE ACCUSED OF MURDER FOR MERELY DOING JOB.

11. CHINA

WSJ'S MATHEWS REVIEWS SCHELL'S "IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC", AND PRINTZ/STEINLE'S "COMMUNE: LIFE IN RURAL CHINA."

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FINDS SCHELL BOOK'S "THINNESS" ESPECIALLY DISAPPOINTING, BECAUSE AUTHOR WAS GIVEN UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY OBSERVE PRC. SAYS PRINTZ/STEINLE PROVIDE EYE-OPENING LOOK AT CRUELER ASPECTS OF RURAL SOCIAL STRUCTURE; ONE OF BOOK'S STRENGTH IS THAT AUTHORS, UNLIKE SCHELL, ARE "HAPPILY FREE OF CULTURAL BIASES."

WSTAR (7/28) SEES ALBANIA COMPLETING ITS SELF-PORTRAIT AS
WORLD'S MOST TERRIBLE-TEMPERED COUNTRY, FRIEND TO NO ONE,
BECAUSE NO ONE MEETS ITS TEST OF COMMUNIST PURITY. THINKS
BREAK W/PEKING DUE TO TENG REINSTATEMENT/PROSECUTION
"GANG OF 4"/OVERLY "MODERATE" CHARACTER OF POST-MAO PRC.

MCNELLA (NYDN) CARTOON DEPICTS CHINESE DIPLO ENTRAINING
AT ALBANIA RR STATION; NEARBY, ALBANIAN GROUP, STANDING
BENEATH STALIN PORTRAIT/CARRYING "CHINESE GO HOME" PLACARD,
SHOUTS: "**** HIPPIES;"

12. GENERAL

REP DERWINSKI (R-ILL) WRITES 7/28 WSTAR "CRITICAL REVIEW"

OF VANCE "ASIA SOCIETY" SPEECH. DERWINSKI SEES US DE-
TERMINATION/ABILITY TO BE POSITIVE FORCE IN ASIA BEING
QUESTIONED BY MANY OBSERVERS. CONTENTS DECISION WITHDRAW
FORCES FROM KOREA/DOUBTS RAISED OVER US LONG-TERM IN-
TEREST IN PHILS BASES/ABANDONMENT ROC WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY
CONVINCE ASIA/SOVIET THAT US HAS NO STAYING POWER IN
REGION. VANCE

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